

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph entitled "RELATED APPLICATIONS" as follows:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Reissue Application No. 09/972,847, filed October 4, 2001, which is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,961,614, issued October 5, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/436,969, filed May 8, 1995, and entitled "Communication Interface with Improved Packet Transfer," now abandoned. [{"]